

**MINUTES OF THE ZION BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015, AT 5:30 P.M.  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT ZION CITY HALL  
ZION, ILLINOIS**

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Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioner White and Chairman Lewis. Fire/Rescue Chief Lewis, Police Chief Dumyahn and Attorney William Franks were also present. Commissioner Thomas was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Chairman Lewis, to approve the minutes of a Zion Board of Fire & Police Commissioners meeting held on January 13, 2015. The vote on roll call was: Commissioner White, aye and Chairman Lewis, aye. Motion carried.

**UPDATE/FIRE LIEUTENANT & BATTALION CHIEF PROMOTIONAL TESTING**

Diane Burkemper stated that the Lieutenant and Battalion Chief promotional testing process is complete. Copies of the promotional eligibility lists were distributed to the Commissioners.

**POLICE OFFICER ORIGINAL ENTRY TESTING**

Diane Burkemper stated that the police officer original entry testing is progressing on schedule. The written exam was administered on April 25, 2015 with 63 candidates testing, and 62 candidates passing the test with a score of 70% or better. Lt. Anthony Velardi is currently conducting integrity interviews.

**REQUEST FOR NEXT ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE/  
SERGEANT PROMOTIONAL ELIGIBILITY LIST**

A letter was received from the City Council informing the Commission that, at the Zion City Council meeting of April 21, 2015, the City Council unanimously approved filling one Sergeant vacancy in the Police Department as the result of the Council amending the City's Personnel Authorization to decrease the number of Lieutenants from three to two and increase the number of Sergeants from eight to nine. The City Council requested that the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners release the name of the next eligible candidate on the Police Sergeant Promotional Eligibility List for promotion to the rank of Sergeant.

It was moved by Commissioner White, seconded by Chairman Lewis, that the Commission release the name of Eric Barden and certify to the Police Chief, in writing, that he is the next eligible candidate on the Police Sergeant Promotional Eligibility List. The vote on roll call was: Commissioner White, aye and Chairman Lewis, aye. Motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR NEXT ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE/  
POLICE OFFICER ORIGINAL ENTRY ELIGIBILITY LIST**

A letter was received from the City Council informing the Commission that, at the Zion City Council meeting of April 21, 2015, the City Council unanimously approved filling two Patrolmen vacancies in the Police Department. These vacancies were created as the result of the Council 1) correcting the Personnel Authorization to reflect the correct number of officers and 2) deleting one Lieutenant position and adding a Patrolmen position which increased the number of Patrolmen from 33 to 35. The City Council requested that the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners release the name of the next two eligible candidates on the Police Officer Eligibility List.

It was moved by Commissioner White, seconded by Chairman Lewis, that the Commission release the names of Casey Taylor and Darryl Grant and certify to the Police Chief, in writing, that they are the next two eligible candidates on the Police Officer Original Entry Eligibility List, with Casey Taylor's eligibility being unconditional as he is State certified and has successfully passed all hiring requirements and Darryl Grant's eligibility being contingent upon the following:

- 1) the Illinois Training and Standards Board waiving the basic training upon assessing the candidate's certification in the State of Mississippi, training and certification in the State of Mississippi,
- 2) successfully passing a psychological evaluation,
- 3) successfully passing a medical physical,
- 4) successfully passing a final background check.

The vote on roll call was: Commissioner White, aye and Chairman Lewis, aye. Motion carried.

It was the consensus that the Mississippi State Certification must be transferrable and equivalent to the Illinois State Certification and that any associated costs regarding certification be the responsibility of the candidate. It was also noted that, if Mr. Grant's certification is determined to be unsatisfactory, he will return to his position on the eligibility list and the next eligible candidate on the list will be considered.

**REQUEST FOR NEXT ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE/  
FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC ORIGINAL ENTRY ELIGIBILITY LIST**

A letter was received from the City Council informing the Commission that, at the City Council meeting of May 5, 2015, the City Council unanimously approved filling a Firefighter/Paramedic vacancy in the Fire/Rescue Department to fill a position which will be vacated by a Firefighter/Paramedic who is out on an extended medical leave. It is anticipated that this Firefighter will not return to work. The City Council requested that the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners release the name of the next eligible candidate on the Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility List.

It was moved by Commissioner White, seconded by Chairman Lewis, that the Commission release the name of Sarai Soto and certify to the Fire/Rescue Chief, in writing, that she is the next eligible candidate on the Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility List. The vote on roll call was: Commissioner White, aye and Chairman Lewis, aye. Motion carried.

### **RULES & REGULATIONS AMENDMENTS**

It was moved by Commissioner White, seconded by Chairman Lewis, that amendments to the Rules and Regulations, regarding the Firefighter/Paramedic and Police Officer original entry processes, be approved as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioner White, aye and Chairman Lewis, aye. Motion carried.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was moved by Commissioner White, seconded by Chairman Lewis, that the election of Commission officers be tabled until the meeting following Mayor Hill's 2015 Commission appointment/s. The vote on roll call was: Commissioner White, aye and Chairman Lewis, aye. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Commissioner White, seconded by Chairman Lewis and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 5:47 p.m. Motion carried.

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Diane Burkemper, Recording Secretary